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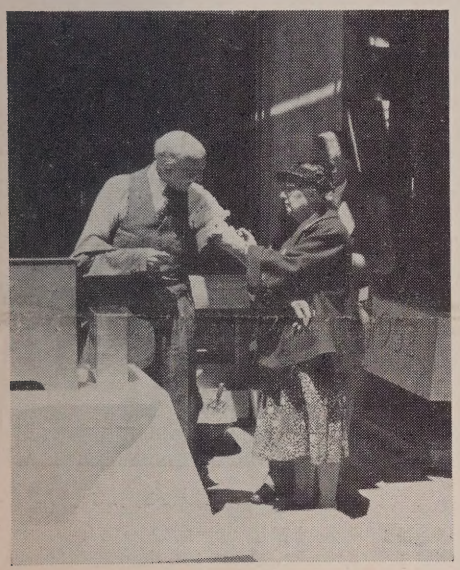

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SERVICE IN RETURN is tendered Dr. Elliott P. Joslin by Miss Alice Thorpe, graduate of the Deaconess' School of Nursing, Class of 1904, as she gives typhoid injection for Dr. Joslin's forthcoming trip to Europe in June. Miss Thorpe was one of Dr. Joslin's first typhoid patients in 1905. Dr. Robert Story looks on, during Cornerstone-Laying Ceremonies for the new Central Building.

CORNERSTONE CEREMONIES

Cornerstone Ceremonies for the New England Deaconess Hospital's New Central Building were held at the intersection of Pilgrim and Deaconess Roads at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 27.

The street in front of the construction was crowded at that hour with Trustees, Staff members, employees and nurses — and building workmen stood by to watch the proceedings.

Bishop John Wesley Lord, President of the Board of Trustees, presided and gave the Benediction. The Rev. George A. Fallon of Worcester gave the opening prayer. Other speakers included Dr. Elliott P. Joslin, Physician-in-Chief Emeritus, whose subject was a "Glimpse of the Past." Dr. Frank H. Lahey, Surgeon-in-Chief Emeritus, told of the "New England Deaconess Hospital in 1908 and Now" and William B. Snow spoke about Cooperative Fund Raising. Ralph Thompson, Chairman of the Building Committee, laid the cornerstone into which he placed a copper box containing the following items:

Letter from Warren F. Cook to whoever opens this box.

Annual Report of 1950 and 1951.

Nurses Annual Statement as of this date.

Copies of the Constitution and By-laws of the Hospital and the Medical Staff.

Copies of THE PULSE (employees' newspaper) March and May, 1952.

Photostatic copy of the first admission sheet, the first day of the Deaconess Hospital.

Copy of THE SIXTH DECADE, which is a brief history of the hospital from its beginning, containing statements and pictures showing the development of the hospital through the years.

Copy of SERVING THE PATIENT.

Copy of the program of the Cancer Research Institute opening on June 5, 1951.

Copy of GLAD TO SEE YOU! (employees' handbook) and INFORMATION, the booklet for patients.

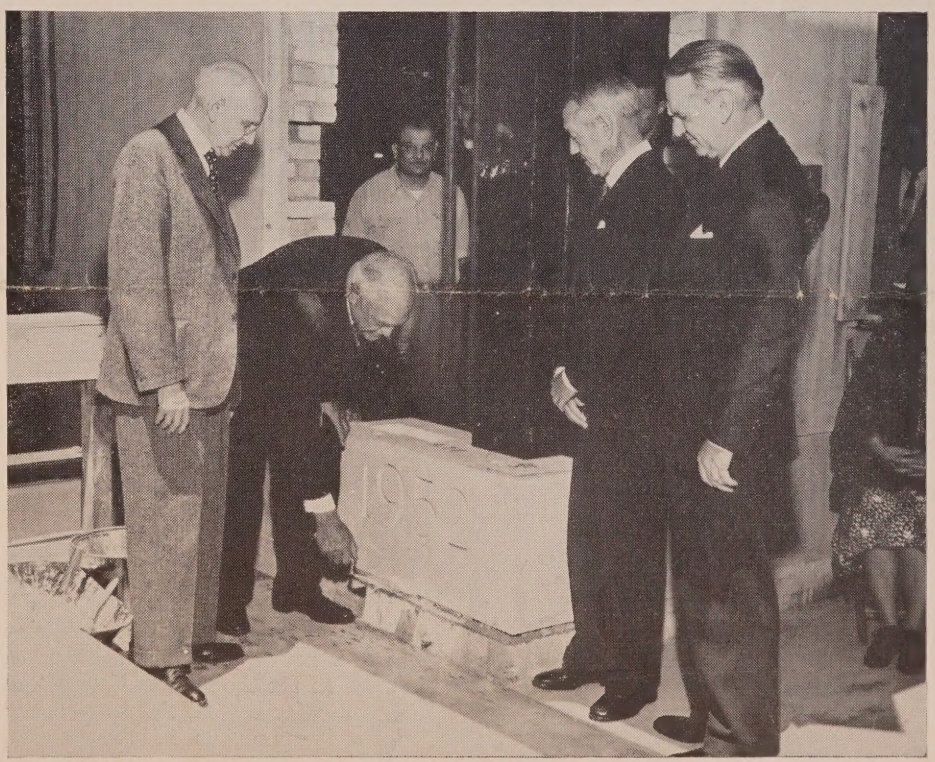
Pictures of the ground-breaking for this building and the program of the cornerstone laying.

Copies of the daily press of this date.

The new building will contain twelve surgery suites and a recovery room on the fifth and sixth floors. Central supply will be on the sixth floor; patient rooms on the fourth floor; X-ray on the third floor. Executive offices, flower, gift and pharmacy shops, admitting offices, credit office, record room and doctors' lounge will occupy the second floor with kitchens, bakeries and dining rooms on the first floor. The entire building is to be equipped with the most up-to-date fixtures and devices to insure a maximum of safety and comfort for the patients. Five additional patient floors are planned in the future.

The cost of the new building, including extensive alterations in the Deaconess and Palmer buildings will be about $3,500,000. The total floor area is estimated at 78,000 square feet.

Dr. Warren F. Cook, Executive Director at the Deaconess, says: "The completion of this Central Building will be the culmination of hopes and plans covering a period of more than ten



Laying the Cornerstone for the New England Deaconess Hospital's New Central Building are, left to right, Dr. Elliott P. Joslin, Physician-in-Chief Emeritus, Ralph E. Thompson, Chairman of the Building Committee, Dr. Frank H. Lahey, Surgeon-in-Chief Emeritus, and Bishop John Wesley Lord, President of the Board of Trustees. — Photo by J. Coyne

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CORNERSTONE CEREMONIES

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years. By centralizing our services we will not only greatly increase our efficiency but we will increase the hospital's bed capacity by 25 per cent permitting the treatment of 2,000 additional patients annually; a much needed increase in view of the fact that we have at times several hundred people awaiting admission for medical and surgical procedures."

TRUSTEE HONORED BY FRANCE

Joseph P. Spang, Jr., a Trustee of the hospital, was honored by the French Government on Lafayette Day, May 20 at the French Consulate in Boston. Mr. Spang received the Cross of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor for his contribution to the good will existing between this country and France.

DEACONESS NIGHT AT POPS

The Friends of the Deaconess Hospital held their annual Deaconess Night at Pops on Wednesday evening, June 4 at Symphony Hall. This concert was of particular interest to Boston music lovers for it was one of the first home performances of the Boston Symphony after its return from a brilliant European tour. Gerson Yessin, pianist, was the soloist.

Mrs. F. Gorham Brigham, Jr., was Chairman of the Deaconess Pops and her committee members were:

Mrs. Sheldon E. Wardwell
Mrs. Howard F. Root
Mrs. Lewis Hurxthal
Mrs. Warren F. Cook
Miss Edith Wright
Mrs. Robert Wood Coe
Mrs. Richard B. Cattell
Mrs. F. Gorham Brigham
Mrs. Roscoe E. Carter
Mrs. Eugene Mather
Mrs. Frank C. Paine

Junior Friends of the Deaconess who sold flowers:

Miss Dorothy Beckwith
Mrs. Richard Grandin
Miss Diana Osgood
Mrs. Samuel Drury
Miss Ann Wardwell
Mrs. Frank Barnum
Mrs. James Simonds

The proceeds from the concert and flowers will go to the New England Deaconess Hospital's Nursing Scholarship.

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PROCESSIONAL MARCH AT GRADUATION, MAY 20, 1952
JOHN HANCOCK HALL

1952 GRADUATION SCHOOL OF NURSING

The 1952 Class of sixty students was graduated from the New England Deaconess Hospital's School of Nursing on Tuesday, May 20 at John Hancock Hall. This class is the fifty-fourth to be graduated from the School.

The principal address was given by Dr. Sidney Farber, Scientific Director of the Children's Cancer Research Foundation and Chief of Pathology at Children's Hospital. Dr. Farber is also on the Advisory Board of the Deaconess' Cancer Research Institute. In his speech to the graduates he said, "I advise you to be impatient because there is still so much suffering and misery and so many unnecessary deaths . . . impatient with so much to be done in the field of nursing because there are so many greater opportunities than existed twenty-five years ago. . . . Today there is a greater need for nursing care and education of the diabetic — the kind of care and attention which will keep up the morale of the person who has a life-long disease.

"There is no research in medicine which does not begin at the bedside and consideration for the total welfare of the patient goes far beyond the temperature taking and complaints of the wound. Progress is made through the medical team of nurses, doctors, technicians and social workers. The nurse working directly with the doctor has the greatest opportunity to contribute toward this progress and service."

Dr. Morris J. Nicholson gave the "charge" to the class and Bishop John Wesley Lord, President of the Board of Trustees, presided. Miss Olive Nelson, Director of Nursing at the Deaconess gave the class message. Dr. Cook presented diplomas to the following graduates:

Grace Bancroft	Hopkinton
Eleanor M. Billings	West Medford
Beverly Mae Blood	East Pepperell
Priscilla A. Boren	East Greenwich, Rhode Island
Phyllis M. Bradley	Somerset Center
Jean G. Brewster	Grafton Center, New Hampshire
Shirley E. Bradway	Putnam, Connecticut
Mary G. Bruffee	Conway
Jean J. Burkhardt	Waterville, Maine
Priscilla Webster Campbell	Portland, Maine
Carol J. Carr	Oak Bluffs
Edith A. Carvalho	Brockton
Elinor F. Chase	Newburyport
Dorothy T. Coles	Woburn
Joan M. Cook	Beverly
Elizabeth M. Crozier	Rockland, Maine
Frances E. Dowding	Westerly, Rhode Island
Lois P. Dunn	Westerly, Rhode Island
Mary F. Edwards	Brockton
Margaret B. Farr	Dodge
Barbara A. Farrell	Auburn, Maine
Elizabeth M. Fenlason	Bangor, Maine
Marion H. Gammons	Wakefield
Joan A. Gassman	Fall River
Phyllis R. Giardini	Hopkinton

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During the Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 1952 on the evening of May 20, Miss Olive Nelson, Director of Nursing, presented the highest honor award, the Alumnae Scholarship for further study to Lynda McDonough of Westboro, Massachusetts. The other four in this class are left to right: Barbara J. McGowan, Roslindale; Carolyn R. Olson, Worcester; Margaret B. Farr, Dodge; and Joan A. Gassman, Fall River.

Janice M. Golart	Gloucester
Jane Gordon	Hazardville, Connecticut
Lois M. Heintz	Monson
Kay D. Hemphill	Waterville, Maine
Evelyn A. Jorgenson	Dedham
Joan W. Kelton	Athens, Vermont
Mary C. Lane	Dennisport
Nancy Lindgren	Waltham
Beryl E. Lovering	Lonsdale, Rhode Island
Margaret E. MacLean	Watertown
Lynda J. McDonough	Westboro
Barbara J. McGowan	Roslindale
Barbara J. McKee	Portsmouth, Rhode Island
Helen M. Nease	Wollaston
Marion Louise Oliver	East Braintree
Carolyn R. Olson	Worcester
Priscilla J. Olson	Somerville
Joan M. Peckham	Arlington
Mary E. Perkins	Auburn, Maine
Nancy J. Ramella	Manset, Maine
Evelyn Danielson Reynolds	North Sedgwick, Maine
Mary H. Rice	Middletown, New York
Jeanne V. Rife	Zephyrhills, Florida
Marjorie R. Schofield	North Andover
Marie E. Schwam	Westerly, Rhode Island
Martha M. Spaulding	Hollis, New Hampshire
Margaret R. Steeves	East Weymouth
Patricia Stone	Northampton
Nancy E. Titcomb	Portland, Maine
Gilda C. Wagstaff	Cambridge, Ohio
Abigail W. Wilcox	Dedham
Roberta E. Willis	East Walpole
Jeanne C. Wilson	Freeport, Maine
Barbara J. Winter	Portland, Maine
Elizabeth R. Wiswell	Fitchburg

BACCALAUREATE

Baccalaureate services for the 1952 Graduating Class were held on May 18 at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Brookline. Dr. Emory S. Bucke, Trustee of the Hospital and Editor of ZIONS HERALD. gave the sermon. The following are excerpts from his sermon.

"There is no longer any serious feud between Christian Scientists and the main stream of Christian thought on the limitless possibilities of spiritual power. Ambroise Paré, father of modern surgery in the 16th century, had a slogan which still stands as the basis of Christian medicine: 'I only dressed the wound — it was God who healed it.'

"A modern minister to the sick is faced with responsibilities that involve far more than just a mastery of the mechanics of nursing. People are worried; they are living at a fast pace and have geared their ways of life to fit into a monotonous mechanical age. Deviation from routine means disaster both spiritually and physically for many people. It is not enough for a nurse to be calm and objective as she ministers to such a person — she needs spiritual reserves and the ability to synchronize spiritual power to the needs of her patient.

"Nor is it the business of a nurse to deny the fundamental rights of her patient to make that patient fit into her own particular routine. The doctors do not have one prescription to which they seek to make the patient conform; they have many prescriptions one or two of which they hope will fit the need of the patient. A patient's spiritual needs are at critical stages when he is in your care — and he has a right to expect that you will be of help to him.

"You have been trained in a hospital that has a rich tradition of Christian concern. No person has been either admitted or refused admission to the New England Deaconess Hospital because of his race, color, or creed; nor, once a person has been admitted, has there ever been any attempt on the part of the hospital to interfere with either the patient's or his physician's religious convictions. When you graduate from such a hospital you are rightly charged to continue that tradition in your professional career."

FIRE DRILL INSTRUCTIONS

If You Find A Fire —

1. Go to fire alarm box.
2. Sound alarm.
3. Use available apparatus.
4. Stand by to help.

Bell Signals

First Ring Indicates Building —

1 Harris Hall
2 Palmer
3 Baker
4 Central Building
5 Deaconess
6 Laundry, Maintenance, 18 Autumn
7 Cancer Research Institute

Second Ring Indicates Floor —

1 First Floor
2 Second Floor
3 Third Floor
4 Fourth Floor
5 Fifth Floor
6 Sixth Floor
7 Basements

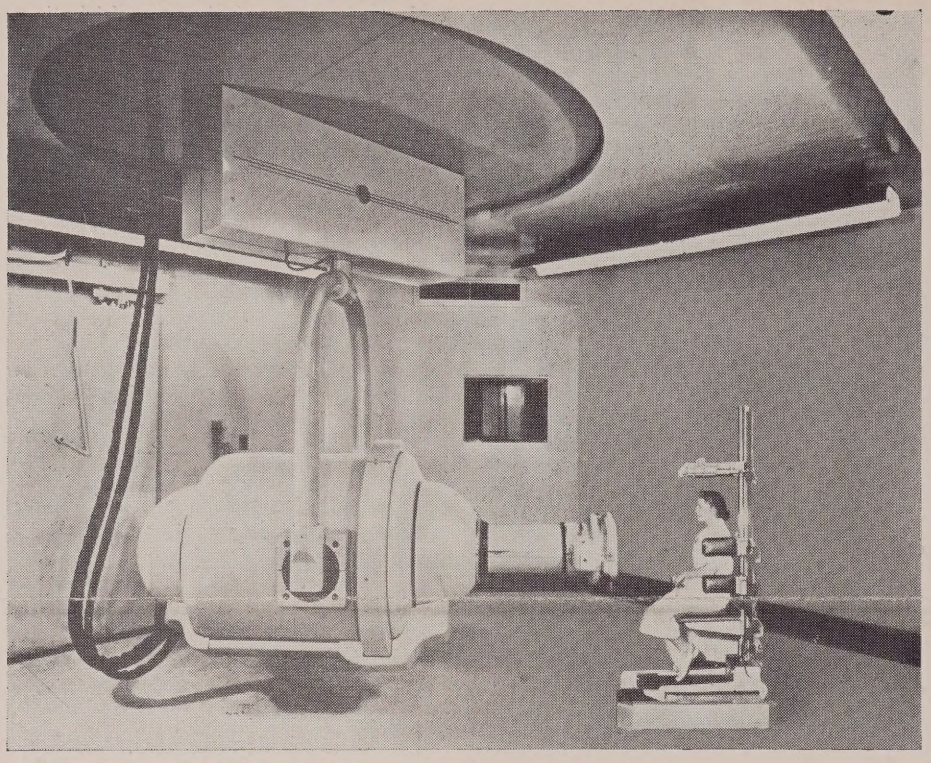
All Clear Signal — 2 Rings

BOOK CORNER

Do you want to know more of the background — historical, social, political — about other countries? The Hospital Library on Palmer 6 has a varied collection of such books:

EAST OF HOME by Sautha Rama Rau.
VOICE OF ASIA by James Michener.
TIMELESS MEXICO by Hudson Strode.
STRANGE LANDS AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE by William O. Douglas.

Articles in recent periodicals are made promptly available through READER'S GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE. Ask to see copies of UNITED NATIONS BULLETIN, HARPER'S MAGAZINE, CHRISTIAN CENTURY, THE REPORTER, as well as some of the more popular magazines.



2-MILLION VOLT X-RAY THERAPY MACHINE

The New England Deaconess Hospital, long concerned with cancer problems and the care of the cancer patient, hopes to install this 2-million volt x-ray therapy machine in its new Central Building. The machine will give the best radiation treatment available today for the cancer patient. It is a rotary type designed to attack the cancer growth from all sides. Its rays penetrate much deeper and more quickly than machines of the conventional type without harming the healthy intervening tissues. There are only six machines of this particular type in the hospitals of America and its installation will be of infinite value not only to the hospital's patients but to those people sent by their local doctor from all parts of the country to the Deaconess. The machine is costly — $125,000 and another $75,000 is needed to install it — $200,000 in all. So far the Deaconess has raised $50,000 but it still must find $150,000.

A PATIENT'S REACTION

It is pleasant to read from time to time one of the many good letters which are addressed to Dr. Cook from recent patients. Here is one:

Dear Dr. Cook:

You and anyone else concerned are deserving credit and sincere thanks for the comforts and labors given me during my stay in the Deaconess Hospital.

I would point out the food as being satisfactory and sufficient.

The most noticeable factor from the point of view of being a patient is the atmosphere. I know that the nurses are working to their capacity, even to the point of running — but that is only mentioned to show that the atmosphere must be something inherent. Though overloaded, beginners to graduates maintain a personal interest and give treatment with every indication of kindness, attention, assistance and belief in the essential worth of the program and the person. I could continue, but the point would be one and the same — the atmosphere is wonderful and the philosophy is splendid . . .

Another letter is a patient's reaction to the food served here:

Dear Miss Winger,

Five weeks ago I was discharged from the New England Deaconess Hospital after having been a patient in Ward 222 for three weeks. Now that my doctor has given me permission to attend to some correspondence, I should like to convey to you, as chief dietition, my gratitude for such excellent meals served to me while there. Never in the three weeks was there an inferior meal but, on the contrary, every meal was excellent in quality, in quantity, in variety, and in temperature. I often told my ward mates that no one could honestly make any criticism of those delicious meals, and the fact that the nurses had nothing but my empty dishes to carry back to the kitchen testified to the verity of my statement. You and your staff are to be congratulated on the part you are playing toward mending sick bodies . . .

DR. SHIELDS WARREN

Effective June 30, Dr. Shields Warren will resign from the United States Atomic Energy Commission. Since October, 1947, he has been the Director of Biology and Medicine of that Agency. His successor will be Dr. John Bugher who has been his Deputy Director.

ENGAGEMENTS

Miss Elizabeth Mae Fenlason, '52 Jr. to Mr. Robert Clifford Belcher, U. S. Army. Mr. Belcher studied at Coyne's Electrical School and at Harvard University. He is now stationed at Camp Polk, Louisiana. A June wedding is planned.

Miss Elaine Marilyn Lackman, Joslin Clinic Technician, to Dr. Howard Allan Smith, a graduate of the Middlesex University, School of Veterinary Medicine.

Miss Marjorie Howard Mannino, '53 Sr., to Mr. Douglas Howe McCarter of Roslindale. Mr. McCarter is a graduate of Wentworth Institute.

Miss Gail Wilcox, '52 Sr., to Mr. Stanley Anderson of Portland, Oregon, who is attending the College of Optometry in Boston. A June wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS

Miss Elaine A. Bell, '51 Jr., to Mr. Frederick W. Nystrom of New York City on May 10, 1952 at the Highland Union Methodist Church, Lowell. Mr. Nystrom is employed as textile engineer with the U. S. Rubber Company in New York City and he and his wife will live at Hollis, New York.

DEATHS

Viola Beers, Nursing Class of 1908, in Montreal on March 12.

Mr. Andrew K. Benjamin on May 3, 1952, husband of Mrs. Benjamin, Baker Information Desk.

Duncan Campbell, Trustee of the Hospital, on May 21 in Milton. Mr. Campbell was active in the Parkway Community Methodist Church and in the New England Lay Conference of the Methodist Church. He was head of the D. R. Campbell Machine Company, a director of the Dorchester Savings Bank and a member of the Board of Trade in that town.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Exterior masonry walls and interior partitions are progressing rapidly. All structural concrete is in place except the roof of the Pent House.

Weather permitting, we should complete the closing in of the building and start the roofing work about July 1st to the 15th. In order to carry on interior partition work it is necessary to brick up all windows in Deaconess and Baker where the new building is adjacent thereto. Mechanical ventilation for the rooms affected will be installed as soon as practicable. In the meantime, we request your patience and continued cooperation.

LAURENCE J. PHILLIPS